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US Naval Attache discussed Shatt questions with Admiral  
Shahin who divided subject into two aspects: (1) instructions  
re flag; (2) protection for PANAM LSMS.Admiral Shahin indicated instructions re use of Iranian  
flag were designed as real test to establish Iranian  
right to use Shatt. These instructions were result of  
high-level meeting among Iranian Ministers concerned.  
Iranians are not sure how strongly Iraqis will react and  
are awaiting developments.Ultimate Iranian objective is to place themselves on equal  
footing re Shatt and thereafter reach some new understanding  
with Iraqis re administration of Shatt. Current Iranian  
attitude is strongly influenced by report Soviet experts  
are now active in Basra port directorate.Separate telegram follows regarding instructions for  
protection PANAM LSMS.

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Note: Reference is to CONTEL 9.

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